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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Genachowski:

This letter is to express my strong support for the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. As I have reviewed the issue, I have become convinced that this merger will provide both immediate and long-term benefits to the people of Utah in the critical areas of business, education, and health care.

AT&T's commitment to rapidly deploy LTE technology, yielding legitimate 4G coverage to the vast majority of Utahns in less populous areas, is truly an exciting prospect. And to do so with private investment dollars is a huge bonus in this day of growing debt and deficits.

And all of us along the Wasatch Front are aware of the need for improved wireless network capacity. The growth in wireless data demand is a nationwide challenge. Our growing dependence on smart phones, tablets and other devices means demand will yet grow exponentially. The expected efficiencies and synergies of joining the AT&T and T-Mobile networks will mean an immediate leap forward for urban wireless consumers.

It appears to me that even after the merger the wireless market will remain robust and competitive. Over the course of the last several mergers, doomsayers have predicted rising prices as a result. The complete opposite has been true. I believe the market will respond with new investment and new technologies that will allow competition to continue to flourish.

Of course we support due diligence on the part of regulators, and trust that you will make a careful study of the issues. I would encourage you to do so with an eye toward ultimately allowing the market to make its choices and investments, and thus bring about these badly needed benefits.

Very Sincerely,

Lane Beattie
President, Salt Lake Chamber